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Report from Iloilo—Prevailing diseases—Quarantine transactions.

[Inclosure.]

ILOILO, P. I., September 30, 1905.

To the Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands, Manila, P. I.

SIR: During the month of September no case of quarantinable disease has been reported in this city. Smallpox is reported at several points in the northern part of the province.

The U. S. C. T. *Elcano* arrived from Manila with a passenger ill with symptoms highly suspicious of cholera. The vessel was disinfected and released under proper restrictions; the case and contacts were removed from the vessel and quarantined for observation.

A vessel arrived from Sagay, Negros, reporting a death at sea from malaria. Another vessel from the same port had a death on board while in Sagay. The cause of death was given as beriberi.

An epidemic having diarrhea and vomiting for prominent symptoms, and attended by some mortality, is reported in the interior of Negros. The president of the provincial board of health states that it is probably malarial fever.

The following is a tabulated report of transactions here for the month:

Vessels inspected:

From foreign ports	3
From United States ports	0
From island ports	86

Personnel inspected:

Crew	2,154
Cabin passengers	176
Steerage passengers	727

Bills of health issued to vessels for—

Foreign ports	4
United States ports	0
Island ports	2

Cases of quarantinable disease arriving at quarantine

Cases of quarantinable disease arriving at quarantine	1
Vessels disinfected for disease	2

Vessels held in quarantine for observation

Vessels held in quarantine for observation	2
Persons bathed and effects disinfected	108

Contacts held for observation

Contacts held for observation	107
Vessels fumigated to destroy vermin	2

Vaccinations

Vaccinations	151
Vessels remaining from August	0

Vessels remaining in quarantine at end of September

Vessels remaining in quarantine at end of September	0
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Respectfully,

GEORGE W. MCCOY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon.*Quarantine notice regarding vessels from Manila for ports of Luzon.*

[Inclosure.]

MANILA, P. I., October 4, 1905.

To the owners and agents of vessels, Manila, P. I.

SIRS: Hereafter all vessels leaving Manila for ports of Luzon and not proceeding farther north than San Fernando, Union, nor farther south than Lucena, Tayabas, will not be required to undergo quarantine at Mariveles.

After obtaining a bill of health all vessels falling within the above description will be expected to anchor in the harbor of Manila well removed from the shipping of the port. After anchoring they will fly the quarantine flag, after which the quarantine officer will board the vessel as soon as practicable, and, if the result of his inspection is satisfactory, the vessel will be permitted to proceed without further detention.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon,

Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

*Passed Assistant Surgeon Long detailed as assistant director of health,
Manila.*

Department approval was given, November 10, to the detail, on request of the Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, of Passed Asst. Surg. J. D. Long as assistant director of health of the city of Manila, in addition to his other duties.

PORTE RICO.

Report from Ponce.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres reports, November 3, as follows:

Summary of transaction of service during the month of October, 1905.

Vessels inspected	14
Bills of health issued	18
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming	66
In transit	1,580
Crew inspected	601
Vessels in quarantine	2
Passenger detained in quarantine	1
Pieces of baggage disinfected	3
Immigrants inspected	29
Rejections	0

Report from San Juan—Quarantine transactions at San Juan and subports—Mortality—Sanitary inspection.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Atiles reports, October 28, as follows:

Transactions at San Juan and the six subports during the month of September, 1905.

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Bills of health issued	25
Vessels inspected	19
Vessels held in quarantine	5
Vessels fumigated	2
Persons held in quarantine	21

The vessels fumigated were the American steamships *Arkadia* and *San Juan*, which arrived at this port from New Orleans on September 3 and 29, respectively. The vessels held, but permitted to transact business in quarantine under guard, were the American steamships *Caracas* and *Philadelphia*, from ports of Venezuela, the German